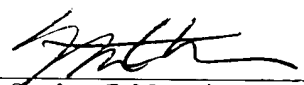


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In response to the Office Action dated 2 January 2003, please enter the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS:** ✓

Please cancel claims 23 and 29 and replace the indicated claims with the following amended claims:

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**21. (Amended)** A probe set for detecting the presence or absence of one or more target compounds, the probe set comprising a plurality of electrophoretic probes selected from the group defined by the formula: